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15. An update processing and transmission system, comprising:
storage means, for storing status information in response to a commerce-related event;
status information retrieval means for retrieving said status information;
message generation means for automatically generating a status message reflective of
said status information; and
message forwarding means for automatically forwarding said status message to a point
where it may be accessed by an interested party.

216. The system of claim 15, wherein said status information relates to shipment of an
item.

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17. The system of claim 15, wherein status information retrieved by said status
information retrieval means is contained on a second computer physically remote from a first
computer on which said status information is stored and accessible via said network.

418. The system of claim 15, wherein said status information is stored on a status
information database within a first computer.

519. The system of claim 15, further comprising a status information database for
separately storing status information.

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20. An update processing and transmission method, comprising the steps of:
storing status information in response to a commerce-related event;
retrieving said status information;
automatically generating a status message reflective of said status information;
and

automatically forwarding said status message to a point where it may be accessed by an interested party.

7 21. The method of claim 20, wherein said status information relates to shipment of an item.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein status information retrieved is contained on a first computer physically remote from a second computer which stores the status information.

23. The method of claim 20, wherein said status information is stored on a status information database within a first computer.

24. The method of claim 20, further comprising separately storing status information.

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15. [In a computer network enabling communication between a plurality of computers, an] An update processing and transmission system, [said system] comprising:

[record creation] storage means, for [creating a record] storing status information in response to a commerce-related event;

status information retrieval means for retrieving said status information [about said commerce-related event];

message generation means for automatically generating a status message reflective of said status information; and

message forwarding means for automatically forwarding said status message to a point where it may be accessed by an interested party.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein said status information relates to shipment of an item [specified within said record].

17. The system of claim 15, wherein status information retrieved by said status information retrieval means is contained on a second computer physically remote from a first computer on which said [record] status information is stored and accessible via said network.

18. The system of claim 15, wherein said [record] status information is stored on a [record] status information database within a first computer.

19. The system of claim 15, further comprising a status information database for separately storing status information [about said record].

20. [In a computer network enabling communication between a plurality of computers, an] An update processing and transmission method, [said method] comprising the steps of:

[creating a record] storing status information in response to a commerce-related event;

retrieving said status information [about said commerce-related event];

automatically generating a status message reflective of said status information;

and

automatically forwarding said status message to a point where it may be accessed by an interested party.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein said status information relates to shipment of an item [specified within said record].

22. The method of claim 20, wherein status information retrieved is contained on a first computer physically remote from a second computer which stores the [record] status information.

23. The method of claim 20, wherein said [record] status information is stored on a [record] status information database within a first computer.

24. The method of claim 20, further comprising separately storing status information [about said record].